

TreeLink News Bulletin

In the works



Common Horse Chestnut
Aesculus hippocastanum

This deciduous tree is a native to Albania and Northern Greece and is found in mountain woods. The native region was unknown for many years because of its introduction to European Gardens via cultivation in Turkey. The Common Horse Chestnut has palmately compound leaves, with five to seven sharply toothed lobes. The bark is red-brown or gray and scaly. The showy flowers are creamy-yellow, blotched with red, and are on large, upright panicles (to 12 inches). The Common Horse Chestnut is broadly columnar and grows to 100 feet in height.

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WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources

Spring is in the air and Arbor Day is just around the corner! There are a lot of great events being planned, and we would love to hear about what your community is doing to celebrate. There are also a lot of great training opportunities in the next couple of months for you to check out and share with others. If you would like some assistance or ideas, call us at 1-800-523-8733. -Sarah

Urban Forestry Grants Available for 2001

The deadline is fast approaching for the 2001 Community Forestry Assistance Grants. Approximately \$100,000 is available for community forestry projects. The maximum amount to be requested for any project is \$10,000. All grant dollars must be matched on a one-to-one basis with hard dollars or in-kind contributions. Eligible grantees include, but are not limited to, municipalities of any size, nonprofit organizations, tribal governments, and educational institutions. The final application is due March 8, by 4:30 p.m. Applications are available by contacting the Urban and Community Forestry Program at 1-800-523-8733. Applications are also available electronically as a Word 97 document. Send a request to urban_forestry@wadnr.gov to receive an application in this format.

Poster Contest Entries Due

2001 5th Grade Arbor Day Poster contest entries need to be to the Department of Natural Resources by March 13, 2001, to be eligible for the state competition. This year's theme is "Trees Are Terrific...and forests are too!". We have a curriculum packet for loan from the National Arbor Day Foundation to aid in planning your school's Arbor Day Events. Poster contest packets and other information are available by calling the 1-800-523-TREE.

New Service for Eastern Washington Communities

If your community has been wanting an urban forestry consultant to assess your city or town's community forest or provide community forestry technical assistance, your wait is over. The Urban and Community Forestry (U&CF) Program is happy to announce the finalization of an agreement that will expand our ability to provide technical assistance and education to eastern Washington communities. To take advantage of this incredible opportunity, place a request on the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733. The U&CF Program will schedule a date for a site visit and assessment with our consultant. After the consultant has provided the needed urban forestry technical assistance, he will submit an invoice to the U&CF program for his time. The result is eastern Washington Communities receiving professional urban forestry consultation at no cost. Call now to see if your community qualifies.

Introduction to Hazard Tree Evaluation

The Pacific Northwest Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (PNW-ISA) is holding two workshops on hazard tree evaluation. The first workshop will be on May 2, 2001, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The second workshop will be in Wenatchee on May 9, 2001. These continuing education workshops are intended for arborists, park managers, planners, landscape maintenance personnel, and others interested in learning how to evaluate trees for hazard. A basic knowledge of tree biology is assumed. The course fee is \$65, and PNW-ISA members will receive a 20% discount. The course fee includes course materials (but not the textbook which can be purchased through PNW-ISA), breaks, and lunch. For more information on these workshops, please contact PNW-ISA at (509) 874-8263 or the TreeLink Hotline.

Urban Wildlife Management National Conference

The National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF) is presenting the Urban Wildlife Management National Conference at the Lied Conference Center in Nebraska City, Nebraska, May 1-3, 2001. This conference will focus on how to balance the needs of people and wildlife in urban and urbanizing landscapes. The registration fee is \$295 if received by April 17, 2001. This fee includes all materials, means and refreshment breaks. The fee does not include lodging. The themes that will be covered include: managing wildlife in the urban environment, planning for wildlife in the urban environment, urban wildlife programs that work, and developing political, social and corporate support for urban wildlife. For more information on this conference, contact the NADF at 1-888-448-7337 or www.arborday.org. Information is also available by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-TREE.

In the works (continued)

"I am myself what is around me, and if
I do not save it, it shall not save me."

-Jose Ortega Y Gasset

TRIVIA: What is the national tree of
Belize?

(answer is upside down below)

Picks and Shovels

On the Horizon

The Washington Urban and Community Forestry Program is made possible with assistance from the USDA Forest Service. The program's purpose is to educate citizens and decision-makers about the economic, environmental, psychological and aesthetic benefits of trees and to assist local governments, citizen groups and volunteers in planting and sustaining healthy trees and vegetation wherever people live and work in Washington State.

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Oregon Community Trees Summit 2001

Oregon Community Trees (OCT), the Oregon Department of Forestry, and the US Forest Service are hosting Summit 2001, in Corvallis, Oregon, on March 9. The focus will be how Urban and Community Forestry can meet the multiple challenges of salmon recovery, urban sprawl, and community livability. The registration fee is \$65 for OCT members, \$95 for nonmembers, and \$105 after March 6 (for all attendees). The fee includes instruction, handout materials, lunch and refreshments. For more information, contact the Conference Coordinator, College of Forestry, Oregon State University, at (541) 737-2329 or e-mail at outreach@for.orst.edu. Materials are also available by calling the TreeLink Hotline.

Evaluating Tree Defects Workshop

Instrument Mechanic Labor, Inc. is presenting a professional seminar series on Evaluating Tree Defects. This workshop series includes a workshop in Seattle on April 13, 2001. The workshop will be presented by Ed Hayes and will include instruction on Visual Tree Assessment and field exercises. All attendees will receive a new field guide for evaluating tree defects and six Continuing Education Units from the International Society of Arboriculture. The registration fee is \$135. The book *Evaluating Tree Defects* is available for purchase for \$19.95 to those unable to attend the workshop. For more information, please contact IML, Inc., at 1-888-514-8851 or on the Internet at www.imlusa.com.

Riparian Habitat and Flood Plains Conference

The Western Section of the Wildlife Society is hosting a conference that will integrate riparian and flood plain restoration, research, conservation, partnerships, education, policy, and biota. This conference will be held in Sacramento, California, March 12-14, 2001. For more information on this conference, please visit their website at www.tws-west.org/riparian.

2001 *ArborLeaf*. This publication, produced by the Washington Arbor Day Council, includes Arbor Day celebration information and ideas. Inside is a form for ordering low-cost seedlings. Seedlings must be ordered by March 23, 2001. To receive *ArborLeaf*, visit www.wa.gov/dnr/arbor or call 1-800-523-TREE.

Restoring the Urban Forest Ecosystem. The University of Florida created this CD-ROM. It was edited by Mary L. Duryea, Eliana Kampf, and Lawrence V. Korhank, and has a variety of information on how to restore urban ecosystems. Copies are available by calling the TreeLink Hotline at 1-800-523-8733. Supplies are limited.

March

6-8 Social Issues and the Environment. Nebraska City, Nebraska. Contact NADF at 1-888-448-7337.

8 2001 Community Forestry Assistance Grants due to the U&CF program by 4:30 p.m. Call the TreeLink Hotline for information.

12 Advanced Topics in Hazard Tree Evaluation, Seattle. Contact PNW-ISA for details.

13 2001 5th Grade Poster Contest entries due. Call 1-800-523-TREE for details

26-28 Building with Trees National Conference. Contact NADF at 1-888-448-7337.

April

1 Oregon State Arbor Day

4 Washington Community Forestry Council Meeting, Yakima. Call 1-800-523-TREE for details.

11 Washington State Arbor Day

27 National Arbor Day, State of Idaho's Arbor Day

May

2 Introduction to Hazard Tree Evaluation, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Contact PNW-ISA at (503) 874-8263 for more information.

9 Introduction to Hazard Tree Evaluation, Wenatchee. Contact PNW-ISA for more information.